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The United Methodist Church

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Congressional investigation into possible violations of U.S. law, coupled with a temporary embargo is not an adequate response to Israel's extremely serious violations of international law in the air raid on a nuclear installation in Iraq.

We have long been aware of Israel's violation of United States law. The official statement of the United Methodist Church says: "Use and re-export of United States weapons by Israel in violation of treaty regulations that specify that these arms are not for offensive use and not for re-export raises concern about the continued United States supply of weapons."

United States response should leave no doubt that this government and people will not support such acts of aggression and terror by an ally. Peace in the Middle East is too important to be imperiled by wantonly illegal national behavior.

Sincerely,

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